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1) (SBU) On October 25, Emboff spoke to the Russian Embassy's External Affairs Director, Alexander Kraschenko, about Partner Nations' efforts to encourage Cote d'Ivoire to join the Global Initiative (reftel). Kraschenko informed Emboff that the Russian Embassy had presented the Ivorian MFA's Director General of Humanitarian Affairs, Ambassador Diarra, a diplomatic note on the Global Initiative on October 12, and followed up with a demarche with Diarra on October 116. Kraschenko reported that the diplomatic note included information concerning cooperation of intelligence, security, and law enforcement services in the field of detection, prevention and investigation of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, as well as best practices to ensure security of nuclear materials within the framework of the International Center of Uranium Enrichment.

2) (SBU) Kraschenko told Emboff that Diarra expressed initial support for the Statement of Principles (reftel), and encouraged the U.S. Embassy to urge Cote d'Ivoire to pursue the same objective with Ivorian interlocutors. Emboffs will meet with Kraschenko on November 2 to further explore collaboration on the Global Initiative. NESBITT